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TAGS: PEPR, SWEL, CU, NU

SUBJ: RAUL CASTRO LEADS CUBAN DEL TO NICARGUA TO STUDY STORM DAMAGE

1. ON MAY 31, RAUL CASTRO, FIRST VPRES OF CUBAN COUNCIL OF STATE,
 ARRIVED MANAGUA AT HEAD OF DEL CONSISTING OF 25 MINISTERS OR VICE
MINISTERS. TROUP, WHICH INCLUDED GUILLERMO GARCIA FRIAS, MIN OF
 TRANSPORT; MANUEL PINEIRO LOZADA, CHIEF OF AMERICAN DEPT OF CENTRAL
 COMMITTEE; AND GEN JUAN ESCALONA, VMIN FOR CIVIL DEFENSE,
 ARRIVED TO ASSESS DAMAGE CAUSED BY RECENT HEAVY RAINS AND PLAN
 FUTURE CUBAN AID.

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2. RAUL CASTRO, IN HIS REMARKS TO PRESS, STATED THE CUBAN PEOPLE, AND SPECIALLY FIDEL CASTRO, WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE RECENT DAMAGE TO NICARGUA. ACCORDING TO CASTRO, IT WAS A SACRED DUTY OF THE CUBANS TO COME AND OFFER THEIR ASSISTANCE. HE ADDED THAT, IF CUBA HAD ONLY ONE LOAF OF BREAD, ONEHALF WOULD BE GIVEN TO NICARAGUANS. CASTRO COMPARED THE PROBLEMS FACING NICARAGUA TO THE DIFFICULT LQOYQAYR PERIOD IN CUBAN HISTORY.

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3. JUNTA CORR DINATOR DANIEL OETEGA GREETED CUBAN DEL AND EULOGIZED THEIR ASSISTANCE. ORTEG ADDED THAT CUBA STOOD BESIE NICARAGUA WITH ITS AID AND DID NOT EXPLOIT, ATTACK OR THREATEN NICARAGUA.

4. CUBAN DEL MET WITH FSLN DIRECTORATE AND GRN JUNTA FOR PRELIMINARY BRIEFING ON THE DAMAGE. JUNTA MEMBER SERGIO RAMIREZ COMPARED THE ESTIMATED 180 MILLION DOLLAR DAMAGES TO EARTHQUAKE OF 72 AND THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE 79 REVOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: SANDINISTA MEDIA HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE ARRIVAL OF THE LARGE CUBAN DEL. WE EXPECT ANNOUNCEMENTS IN NEAR FUTURE OF A SUBSTANT

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CUBAN PROGRAM TO HELP WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY EMPHASIZING CUBAN SOLIDARITY AND FRIENDSHIP.
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